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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT -- PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S URGENT ASSISTANCE
IN GATHERING INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PROTOCOL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMIT. WE BELIEVE USNATO IS IN BEST
POSITION TO GATHER ALL THIS INFORMATION FROM NATO IS, IMS,
MNC LIAISON OFFICERS, AND FROM THE ALLIED DELS AT NATO
HQ. IF THERE IS ANY DELAY OR DIFFICULTY, USNATO SHOULD
CONTACT DIRECTLY US EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS, USNMR SHAPE OR
USLOSACLANT AND ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING NECESSARY
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INFORMATION. WE NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP BY
IMMEDIATE CABLE ACTION SECSTATE AND SECDEF:

A) DELEGATION LISTS -- NAMES AND TITLES OF ALL MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL DELS ATTENDING SUMMIT. DELEGATION LISTS SHOULD
BE TRANSMITTED IN RANK OR PROTOCOL ORDER WITH DATE OF OFFICE
INDICATED FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS (I.E., DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY RANK OR HIGHER).

B) NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFFS -- FULL LISTS OF ALL NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL, INCLUDING IS, IMS AND MNC DELS, WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SUMMIT SESSIONS, OFFICIAL DINNERS OR CEREMONIES. PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFFS SHOULD BE LISTED IN PROTOCOL ORDER.

C) CATEGORY PRECEDENCE -- DEPARTMENT HAS PROTOCOL ORDER FOR NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTERS. WE NEED INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH PROTOCOL RANKING FOR OTHER CATEGORIES SUCH AS DEFENSE MINISTERS, NATO IS MEMBERS, PERM REPS, DEPUTY PERM REPS, POLITICAL DIRECTORS, CHIEFS OF STAFF, ETC.

D) WIVES -- NAMES OF ALL WIVES WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SUMMIT, AND IF POSSIBLE, INDICATION OF LANGUAGE ABILITY IN FRENCH OR ENGLISH OF WIVES OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS, AND SIMILAR RANK GUESTS.

E) SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS -- IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ALLIES WOULD ADVISE US OF ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR SUMMIT. FOR EXAMPLE, ARE THERE ANY DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS, EITHER PERSONAL OR RELIGIOUS, FOR ANY OF THE SUMMIT GUESTS? ARE THERE ANY PROMINENT GUESTS WHO WILL WANT TO BRING THEIR PERSONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERPRETER TO THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS? ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WE SHOULD KNOW, (E.G., PRESEDENCE OF THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, THE NMCS, ETC.)?

2. CONCERNING ARRIVAL HONORS, PLEASE ADVISE ALL DELEGATIONS THAT WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ALL CHIEFS OF DELEGATIONS COMING TO WASHINGTON BY AIR TO ARRANGE TO ARRIVE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE WHICH IS EQUIPPED FOR THE STAGING OF APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES. DISTANCE AND SPACE CONSTRAINTS PREVENT THE STAGING OF FULL ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AT NATIONAL OR DULLES AIRPORTS. FOR DELEGATIONS THAT HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO ARRIVING AT NATIONAL OR DULLES OR BY TRAIN FROM NEW YORK, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ONE CENTRAL SPOT IN DOWN TOWN WASHINGTON AS THE STAGING PLACE FOR THE FULL STATE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES. IF SUCH A CENTRAL PLACE IS ESTABLISHED, VISITORS WOULD BE DRIVEN UPON ARRIVAL FROM DULLES, NATIONAL OR UNION STATION TO THAT SPOT FOR THE CEREMONIES.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AIRLINES HAVE AGREED IN THE

PAST THAT THEIR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS COULD GO TO ANDREWS
TO UNLOAD VIP DELEGATIONS AFTER REPEAT AFTER OTHER
PASSENGERS DISEMBARKED AT DULLES. A REQUEST OF THIS
TYPE MUST ORIGINATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DELEGATION CONCERNED AND WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY THE
DEPARTMENT.

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